

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 remain in this application. Claim 1 is objected to. Claims 1 and 4 are amended herein to clarify the invention. Other formal matters are attended to that were not addressed by the Examiner and accordingly are considered unrelated to substantive patentability issues.

The Abstract has been objected to as containing more than 150 words. The Abstract has been modified to include 150 or fewer words. Applicant respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing new matter. Independent Claim 1 has been amended to address the Examiner's concerns. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Claims 1 and 4 have been amended to address the Examiner's concerns. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 1 has been objected to. Claim 1 has been amended to address the Examiner's concerns. Applicant respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn.

The Examiner stated that two citations were lined through in PTO Form 1449 because they are not in the English language. However, MPEP § 609 allows

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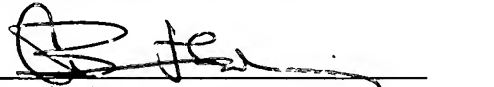
an international search report to fulfill the requirement of concise explanation of relevance. For the Examiner's convenience, a new PTO Form 1449 and a copy of the international search report are attached.

In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

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enc: Form PTO 1449 and international search report.